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***Left:** A view from the Goose treesit, protecting 2,000 acres of Oregon wilderness. **Right:** The Goose treesit platform sits high up in a Douglas fir. See page 9.*

NEWS FROM THE ECO-WARS

Late March—Fifteen Chicks Liberated From Farm in Eastern US

The chicks are now safe in an animal sanctuary.

Apr 1—Canada: Rally Against Grizzly Bear Hunting

Around a hundred people gathered in front of the British Columbia Legislature to call for an end to the hunt. April 1 is the beginning of the grizzly hunting season and coincides with the end of hibernation for many bears.

Apr 3—Two Banners Dropped Against Enbridge Line 5 in MI

The banners, reading "Shut Down Line 5," dropped to draw attention to the potential for an ecologically disastrous spill in the Straits of Mackinaw and to the fact that tribes in the area were never consulted about construction, breaking the Treaty of 1836.

Apr 4—Landfill Protesters Shut Down Senator Claire McCaskill's Office in St. Louis

After another local died from exposure to the radioactive waste stored

in the West Lake Landfill, people with signs and red paint on their hands filled the office. They chanted, "The federal government has blood on its hands, and we're seeing red. West Lake Landfill is a burning hell, and now my friends are dead!"

Around Apr 6—Greece: Anti-Mining Demo in Solidarity with Standing Rock

Activists who have been fighting Eldorado Gold's Skouries mine, which threatens local water and pristine for-

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ests, carried a banner through Thessaloniki. It read, "Skouries. Standing Rock. Different Places, Same Struggle."

Apr 7—Permits Denied for Northern Access Pipeline in NY

The Department of Environmental Conservation announced they would not grant permits in order to "avoid adverse impacts to wetlands, streams and fish and other wildlife habitat" after thousands of citizens rallied, attended public hearings, and more.

Apr 7—Seventy-Seven Year Old Locks Down at Wells Fargo in CT

He was joined by dozens of other protesters with banners and signs condemning the bank's funding of the Dakota Access pipeline. The man said he was there for his children and the animals, adding, "There is no reverence for life. We've forgotten about it

completely for the almighty dollar and I'm getting sick of it" and that locking down "beats sitting in a nursing home, waiting to die." The branch was shut down for the afternoon.

Apr 8—Mexico: Land Defender Murdered

José Alberto Toledo Villalobos was attacked on a highway in Oaxaca and severely beaten, then refused treatment at a community hospital. José had resisted mining and wind energy projects in the region, along with fighting for human rights issues, and was part of the Formation of Indigenous Peoples of the Oaxacan Isthmus and the National Network of Civil Resistance.

Apr 15—Protests at Banks in 25 US Cities Kick Off Week of Action Against Keystone XL

The actions targeted the financial institutions funding the KXL pipeline:

Citibank, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, and TD Bank.

Apr 20—Train Tracks in WA Sabotaged to Stop Shipment of Fracking Materials

The saboteurs poured concrete on the tracks, then warned the train company, to avoid injury to workers. In the communiqué they said, "We want to unlearn the legacies of domination that we have inherited. We need a diverse and vibrant resistance composed of more forms of destruction, mutual aid and solidarity than we can yet imagine."

Apr 21—UK: Five People Blockade Country's Largest Open Cast Coal Mine

The Ffos-y-Fran mine was targeted by members of Earth First! and Reclaim the Power. Two people locked onto the entrance gate while three others hiked inside and locked to the



April 15—Netherlands: Gasoline Terminal Shut Down

A group of 25 people entered the property of gasoline trader Vitol in the Amsterdam Harbor, forcing it to stop its operations. The group was protesting the export of toxic fuel to West Africa. A banner hung from equipment read, "Climate Change = CO2lonialism."



April 25—Brazil: Thousands of Indigenous People Protest Congress, Met with Violence

Protesters came bearing hundreds of coffins, representing the people killed trying to protect their ancestral lands, and to protest increasing violence by ranchers and loggers. Police shot tear gas into the crowd, and people defended themselves with spears and arrows. A few days later, an indigenous encampment in the north-eastern state of Maranhão was attacked by ranchers, who cut off two people's hands and sent a dozen others to the hospital with various injuries.

hydraulic excavators at the bottom of the massive pit. The lockdowns lasted for over 10 hours, during which time no coal mining or transport could be done by Miller Argent (South Wales) Ltd.

Apr 23—Die-In at St. Louis Earth Day Festival Draws Attention to Radioactive West Lake Landfill

Activists said, "It is a disgrace that Republic Services, who are responsible for one of the largest environmental disasters in our region, has decided to use a sponsorship of St. Louis Earth Day Festival to cover up their continued crimes." As people laid on the ground draped in signs in front of Republic Services booth at the event, others spoke to the crowd about ongoing problems with the landfill, as well as possible solutions.

Apr 27—Mexico: Highway Blockade in Protest of Development

The indigenous people participating, including children and elderly people, were fighting a proposed electricity substation in Oaxaca, the extraction of stone from a Zapotec ceremonial center, and a landfill. In a statement they said, "Here, no one backs down nor retreats in the defense of our lands and territories!"

Apr 28—Germany: Vehicles of Deutsche See Fishing Company Destroyed by Fire

The communiqué mentioned that Deutsche See and other European fishing companies are responsible for plundering East Africa's coastal waters, threatening the area's ecology, and leaving locals with no jobs. The arson was carried out in Hamburg, where G20 was being held, and the anonymous individuals involved linked G20 to the systems that allow the global depletion of fish.

Apr 28—Brazil: Blockade of TransAmazonian Highway

The blockade was carried out by over a hundred Mundurucu people, who were demanding the protection of their traditional lands from loggers and other threats. Many of the truckers stopped by the blockade expressed support for the protesters' demands.

Apr 28—Switzerland: Greenpeace Drops Banner at Bank Shareholder Meeting

The banner read, "No Dirty Pipeline

May 8—Thirteen Seattle Banks Shut Down in Protest of KXL Pipeline

The JP Morgan Chase banks had their days interrupted because of outrage over the bank's repeated loans to tar sands and pipeline projects. Twenty-six people were arrested throughout the day.



Deals! #NoDAPL #WaterIsLife" in protest of Credit Suisse's deals with companies funding the Dakota Access pipeline.

May 1—Graffiti in Indiana in Honor of Pipeline Saboteur James Marker

The Duke Energy offices in Bloomington were tagged with "James Marker, #NoSabalTrail." Duke Energy is a major investor in the Sabal Trail Pipeline—a 515-mile, methane gas pipeline currently under construction in Florida, Indiana, and Georgia—which was shot at by James Marker, who was then killed by police.

Around May 1—Sweden: Eleven Rabbits Liberated by the ALF

The rabbits were in tiny cages full of feces and without food or water, at the home of a breeder. All of the rabbits are now living in the countryside.

Early May—France: Delley Seeds and Plants Machinery Sabotaged

Fine sand was poured into the fuel tanks and different varieties of seeds were mixed together. Delley participates in international plant breeding programs, including hybrid maize.

May 4—Protesters Deliver Eviction Notice to Duke Energy CEO's Home in North Carolina

The protest was against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which would steal land from hundreds of property owners, destroy thousands of acres of forests, farmlands, and wetlands, and would potentially destroy sacred native sites.

May 4—Mexico: Sharks Freed by ALF

Four catsharks, living in captivity at

Playa Tiburón, Isla Mujeres, were released back into the wild at dawn.

May 5—Chile: ALF Sabotages Horse Track

Locks at the track in Santiago were sealed with liquid steel glue. From the statement: "We make it known that we will continue hindering the operation of this place, and any other where animal exploitation takes place."

May 5—Chile: ELF Sets Off Noise Bomb in Car Dealership

From the communiqué: "For the ELF, car dealerships form part of the objective to disturb and threaten; we hate them, which is why we are not indifferent to their installations, therefore, with this action we make it clear to the company, to the night watch person of that disgusting enclosure and that sector of luxury cars, that this thundering attack is vengeance for each animal hit by the wheels and for every paved prairie."

May 8—Virginia Residents Chase off Surveyors

Residents living on Bent Mountain in Roanoke County prevented Mountain Valley Pipeline surveyors from accessing land needed for the pipeline. After being denied entrance in the morning, the surveyors attempted to gain access to another property later in the day. Once again, they were rejected. A few days later, after gaining access, the surveyors were forced to leave by state troopers.

May 19—Zimbabwe: South African Hunter Dies After His Prey Falls on Him

While hunting in Gwai, a member of



Late May—Forest Defenders in California Protect Mattole Forest with Road Blockade

A group of forest defenders blockaded the only road to access an 8,000-acre timber sale in the Mattole Forest. A platform suspended between the road blockade and an old-growth tree holds at least one forest protector, preventing the harvest of old growth Douglas firs in the area. On July 28, the permits to log the area expired. New logging would require new permits and surveying, which will take months.

the hunter's group fired at a storming elephant cow. As the animal died it fell on the man, killing him. The dead man's specialty was killing leopards and other "trophy" animals.

May 19—Chile: Families Blocking Highway Teargassed and Shot with Pellet Guns

Over 60 families blocked the international highway (203CH) leading into Hua Hum. They denounced the destruction of native forests, the lack of land and clean water, and the lack of beach access for the poor. Cops arrived to evict the protesters by spraying tear gas and shooting pellet guns. Four people were injured.

May 22—Longterm Resistance Encampment Against Fracking in Ohio

After a three-day action training conference near the Wayne National Forest, organizers from multiple groups

launched the encampment to defend the forest from fracking and pipelines by Energy Transfer Partners. The conference was hosted by Appalachia Resist!.

May 23—Canada: Logging Company Office Occupied

A group of autonomous environmentalists in Montreal occupied the offices of EACOM Timber in opposition to the company's plan to log forest in the habitat of endangered caribou in Northern Quebec. The company is currently constructing a road into the zone that they hope to log, but the activists say the fight is far from over.

May 25—Protesters in DC Disrupt Confirmation Hearing for FERC Nominees

One of the protesters locked to a chair while someone else threw a loud noisemaker into the room. Four of the

interrupters were arrested and one was detained.

May 25—Canada: Protesters Interrupt Imperial Metal's General Meeting

The protesters stormed the meeting space, unveiled a banner depicting the aftermath of the Mount Polley dam collapse disaster in central BC, and informed those present that Imperial Metals was not welcome on Secwepemc Nation territory. The rowdy demonstration saw one activist arrested and another four forcibly escorted out of the hotel by police officers.

Around May 26—Greenpeace Projects "Earth First" on the Dome of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City

The message—coinciding with a visit by Trump—was ostensibly a play on the president's "America First" slogan. The lights shone for a few

moments before police shut down the peaceful protest.

May 29—UK: Tiger Attacks and Kills Zoo Keeper

The zookeeper died at Hamerton Zoo Park near Huntingdon after a tiger entered the enclosure where she was working. It was reported that the tiger was not murdered in retaliation.

May 29—Canada: Opponents of Muskrat Falls Hydroelectric Megaproject Blockade Court Vehicle

A Muskrat Falls protester was held in custody after refusing to tell a judge in Happy Valley-Goose Bay court that she'd stay away from the megaproject site. In response, a group called Labrador Land Protectors laid down in front of the police vehicle that was scheduled to transport the refuser.

May 29—France: Twelve Enedis Vehicles Incinerated

The incendiary attack was carried out in Grenoble against the energy company formerly known as ERDF. The attack was part of "Dangerous June," a month of solidarity with imprisoned anarchists.

Around May 31—Denmark: Famous "Little Mermaid" Statue Doused in Red Paint

In addition to the paint, "Danmark defend the whales of the Faroe Islands" was written in English on the ground in front of the landmark, using the Danish spelling for the country. Whaling close to shore is permitted in the islands. The statue has been damaged several times, including being decapitated twice.

May 31—Virginia Residents Disrupt Mountain Valley Pipeline Surveying Again

Survey crews attempted to access properties in the Bent Mountain area after a judge issued an injunction against property owners who had been blocking surveying. Holding a banner reading, "We Cherish. We Will Defend Water & Land," community members successfully prevented the survey team and their private security guards from getting onto the property. The survey crew then moved further down the road and set up equipment briefly before being run off by residents again, without finishing any work.

May—UK: ALF Actions Around "Prison Island"

The Animal Liberation Front found and



Around May 24—Australia: Activists Lock Down to Aurizon Coal Train

The two activists locked to the loaded train in response to Aurizon's application to the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility for public funding for a rail link to the Galilee Basin for the purpose of mining. This blockade followed an occupation of Aurizon's Brisbane headquarters in March.



May 31—Poland: Activists Set Up Protest Against Logging in Ancient Forest

Environmental campaigners chained themselves to logging equipment in the ancient Bialowieza Forest. They were speaking out against the government-backed felling of trees in the UNESCO World Heritage site that straddles the Belarus border. According to Greenpeace, loggers have now moved into the oldest parts of the forest and the logging has entered a "decisive phase."



June 5—Fight Toxic Prisons 2017 Texas Convergence Ends with Rowdy #CloseCarswell Demo

The Conference ended with a noise demo at the remote gates of the dubious Carswell institution in Denton. Approximately 50 demonstrators with banners, signs, and sound equipment marched along land rife with contamination to the prison gates. This action kicks off a campaign to close a unit of the prison where trans, female, and mentally ill prisoners are inhumanely isolated.



June 7—Mexico: Anti-Logging Camp Forcibly Evicted and Protesters Attacked

Governor Graco Ramírez's hitmen evicted a peaceful anti-logging camp in Tepoztlán. A week prior, outraged citizens marched to the governor's office to protest state-sponsored ecocide. When the governor refused to see them, the United Fronts in Defense of Tepoztlán and environmentalists made camp at the town entrance. The peaceful protesters were forced out with blows and threats.



June 7—Chile: Genetically Engineered Trees Conference Protested

Protesters representing social movements, indigenous organizations, and environmental justice groups marched to the opening day of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) 2017 Tree Biotechnology Conference. IFURO genetically engineers trees and supports the Chilean forestry model, which includes vast monoculture plantations.

destroyed five hunting towers, 27 Larsen traps, 17 mink traps, three ladder traps, six squirrel traps, and 10 snare traps. Two hunters' vehicles were also sabotaged on May 9 while the drivers were preying on wildlife.

June 6—Disruptors of FERC Meeting Arrested in DC

During the vote to confirm Trump's fast-tracked nominees, three citizens representing a coalition of anti-oil groups stood up and objected. The coalition demands that Trump's nominees be rejected until the FERC's abuses of power are investigated. "It is criminal that that FERC approves wholesale land grabs so that the fossil fuel industry can install pipelines via eminent domain." Stated one of the three arrestees, Jess Rechtschaffer.

June 8—France: Incendiary Attack Against Enedis Energy Company Offices

Members of KICK (Konspiration d'Individualités Complices et Kaotiques) entered the compound in Crest and lit the administrative building as part of "Dangerous June." KICK dedicated the sabotage to Alfred Cospito, Nicola Gai, the accused of Scripta Manent, Krem,

Kara, Damien, and the anarchists of Brussels.

June 8—UK: ALF Sabotages Trucks at Slaughterhouse

Activists slashed the tires of every meat truck at A J Meats slaughterhouse in Birmingham. ALF folks also slashed the tires at another slaughterhouse in Digbeth sometime in the spring. The communiqué explains, "Direct Action means stepping in the way of the machine—in this case, stopping the dead bodies of animals being driven to butcher shops and supermarkets, the morning after they are murdered."

June 8—Guatemala: Residents Score Legal Win Versus Canada Mining Firm

A group of men who faced the brutal suppression of their peaceful protest won a small victory after the Canadian Supreme Court rejected an appeal by major mining firm Tahoe Resources Inc. The company faces claims of battery and negligence from seven locals attacked by Tahoe Resources private security personnel, who opened fire on the group in April 2014 as a means to terrorize the local community and prevent further opposition to the Escobal mine.

June 9—Mexico: Six Dead in Assault by Paramilitary Group

Members of a self-proclaimed paramilitary group, Union of Peoples and Organizations of the State of Guerrero (UPOEG), attacked the house of a family in the Cacahuatpec community with rifles. The Cacahuatpec community has been defending the bioregion since 2003, starting with the threat of a mega-dam. Six people were murdered and three injured in the attack.

June 10—Chile: Two Mapuche Land Defenders Killed by Police

Weichafe "Warrior" Luis Humberto Marileo Cariqueo and Weichafe Patricio Gabriel González Guajardo were shot with a hunting rifle after an alleged action on a large estate in Los Sauces.

June 13—India: Five Farmers Killed During "Protest Dispersal"

At least four farmers were also injured. The farmers' union states that the police fired on the unarmed crowd. The state of Madhya Pradesh suffered drought related to climate change in recent years. Rural communities are in a debt crisis due to consecutive crop failures and the protesters were demanding loan forgiveness.



June 11—Demonstration at Nestlé's Bottling Plant in Michigan

The Lake Effect Earth First! group demonstrated at Nestlé's Ice Mountain bottling plant in Stanwood, the hometown of Marius Mason. The demo was in response to Nestlé filing a permit to nearly double their water withdrawal at White Pine Springs Well #101. Marius organized with Sweetwater Alliance against the bottling plant and waterwells in Mecosta County, as well as the water shut-offs in Detroit in the early 2000s.



June 24—Ninety-Eight-Year-Old and Seven Others Arrested Fighting Pipeline Project in Massachusetts

The elderly activist was pushed in her wheelchair to the edge of the open pipeline trench with seven other Sugar Shack Alliance members, causing Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. workers to stop laying pipes. The pipeline threatens the Otis State Forest near Sandisfield.

June 13—Pipeline Protesters Disrupt Virginia Democrat's Gubernatorial Primary Victory Party

During Ralph Northam's celebration, activists stormed the stage with banners reading, "No Time to Celebrate, No Pipelines," and chanted anti-pipeline slogans. The group was protesting the Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley fracked-gas pipelines, which Northam supported during his campaign. Activists held the stage for five minutes before security removed them.

June 14—Chile: Anarchists Erect Barricades in Solidarity with Two Murdered Mapuche Activists

About a dozen hooded folks blocked traffic, distributed leaflets, and raised banners outside the Metropolitan Technological University in solidarity with two Mapuche land defenders murdered during a land reclamation action on June 10. A leaflet left at the scene reads: "No action without a response, resistance is not terrorism. Weichafes and

subversives on a war footing against capitalism. Popular justice now!"

June 14—India: Hundreds Arrested Protesting LNG Plant

Over 200 protesters were arrested by Njarackal police after allegedly disrupting construction of the Puthuvyppe liquefied-natural-gas import terminal and plant. Locals are worried about accidents at the proposed plant harming their communities, as over 1,000 families live within a kilometer of the site.

June 18—Australia: Ninety-Five-Year-Old Locks Entrance to Mining Equipment Depot

In opposition to Downer Group's \$2.6 billion contract to build Adani's Carmichael coal mine, the activist locked the gates of a Road Maintenance Depot in Sydney. The same night, citizens across the country locked gates to nine additional Downer Group industrial premises. If completed, the Adani project would be

the largest coal mine in the southern hemisphere.

June 22—Indonesia: Banner Drop Against Airport Construction

A banner was dropped on a train bridge near the tourist area of Malioboro resisting airport construction in the Kulon Progo regions where for years peasants have resisted both mining companies and the airport mega-project. The banner read, "Construction of Kulon Progo Airport equals environmental destruction and the eviction of peasant communities. #Yogyakarta is special!"

June 23—Ukraine: Excavators Torched at Fish Farm

Anarchists with the Informal Anarchist Federation sneaked onto the construction area near the Nyyky fish farm, outside of Kiev, and torched two excavators while the guards sat in their cabins with their lights on. Two EO-3211 excavators were set on fire while another was mechanically sabotaged. The anonymous statement declared, "Fight with the destroyers and invaders of nature! Rivers, lakes and forests should be accessible to everyone!"

Jun 30—Honduras: Two COPINH Members Attacked

Two activists with the Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) were attacked by four men with machetes and rocks. COPINH members are often targeted and even murdered for their environmental work. ✂

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CASCADIA FOREST DEFENDERS RAISE TREESIT TO DEFEND OREGON FOREST FROM GOOSE TIMBER SALE

by Rabbit

An hour east of Eugene, Oregon, a lone platform sits high in a Douglas fir overlooking the Mackenzie River, which flows about a half mile to the south. The Mackenzie River is the sole source of drinking water for the town of Eugene, and this water, along with the surrounding forest, is under threat from the Goose Timber Sale. The sale itself would entail selection thinning and interspersed clearcuts throughout 2,000 acres of wilderness, much of which is currently roadless area, all within miles of the Mackenzie.

The sit was erected on June 6, 2017, by members of Cascadia Forest Defenders (CFD). The treesit itself is on the site of a proposed helicopter pad. If completed, the pad would be used for helicopter yarding—the practice of using helicopters with long cables to carry thousands of pounds of cut trees at a time out of logging areas. Helicopter yarding is required for most of the logging in the Goose Timber Sale because of the steep slopes that make road construction more difficult. The earth defenders hope that by blocking construction of the helicopter pad they can stop or delay most of the logging in Goose altogether.

This is not the first time CFD has protected the Goose. In April of 2012, during a treesitting week of action called Occupy the Trees, folks defended the area for a couple of weeks with a similar sit. At the same time, the Cascadia Wildlands Project filed a lawsuit against the timber sale on the grounds that the area was large enough to require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). They won the case, delaying the project for years and allowing CFD to come down from the trees. In 2016, the Willamette National Forest completed their EIS, and the Goose Timber Sale was put back on the table. This time, the sale is roughly twice the size of the one proposed in 2012. So CFD is back in the trees.

This is also not the first time that CFD has fought this particular forest-destroying-behemoth. The Goose sale was purchased by Seneca Jones Timber company—a vile corporation and long-time nemesis of CFD. The Seneca Jones biomass plant in Eugene was shut down by Earth First!ers in July of 2014, following the 2014 Earth First! Round River Rendezvous, in protest of the company's privatization of public lands in the Elliott State Forest and their ongoing pollution of West Eugene. Thankfully, the Elliott was saved in May of this year when it was finally declared public land. Now, after losing that years-long-battle, Seneca Jones has set their sights on the wilderness along the Mackenzie River.

If the Goose Timber Sale goes on as planned, it will not only mean destruction of wildlife habitat, it could also be disastrous for the city of Eugene. Silt from the logging could contaminate the Mackenzie River, and thus contaminate the only water source the city has. As already proven by the heavy pollution of West Eugene due to Seneca Jones's tree-burning biomass plant, the company cares as little about the health of the people of Eugene as it does about the forests it cuts down and burns.



This banner depicting a dragon with a rattlesnake tail holding a hammer and monkeywrench hangs from the Goose treesit platform declaring a climate emergency.

The Goose treesit's biggest need is volunteers to occupy the forest. Treesitters and experienced climbers are encouraged to help protect the area, but people who can come and help on the ground are also welcome. There is plenty of food at the moment and the hike in is not arduous—about ten minutes from the parking area, for the time being. Though folks in the trees don't know Seneca Jones's exact timeline, recent road improvements and plans to install culverts in the coming days suggest that cutting is imminent. Contact Cascadia Forest Defenders if you want to plug in, and if you can't go out to the Goose yourself, consider sending them a donation for supplies and other costs. They also have an item wishlist on their website.

For contact info, sending donations, and more information on the campaign, visit FORESTDEFENSENOW.WORDPRESS.COM ✂

FROM THE CAGES:

ECO-PRISONERS, SNARED LIBERATIONISTS, AND HOSTAGES OF THE STRUGGLE

US PRISONERS

WALTER BOND

#37096-013, FCI Greenville, PO Box 5000, Greenville, IL 62246, USA

Walter is serving 12 years and 4 months (until 3-21-2021) for the “ALF Lonewolf” arsons of the sheepskin factory in Denver, Colorado, the Tandy Leather Factory in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Tiburon restaurant (which sold foie gras) in Sandy, Utah. Walter was also charged and convicted under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. Walter remains a militant voice for the vegan straightedge way of life and is the author of the book *Always Looking Forward*. SUPPORTWALTER.ORG

Birthday: April 16

JOSEPH BUDDENBERG

#12746-111, FCI Victorville Medium I, PO BOX 3725, Adelanto, CA 92301, USA

Joseph was arrested along with Nicole Kissane (see entry below) on July 24, 2015, and federally indicted for Conspiracy to Violate the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act for conspiring to release thousands of animals from fur farms and to destroy breeding records in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania in the summer of 2013. The indictment also alleges that he caused economic damage to various retail and distribution businesses and individuals associated with the fur industry. On May 2, 2016, Joseph was sentenced to 2 years in prison (until 01-25-2018), 2 years supervised release, and \$400,000 in restitution.

SUPPORTNICOLEANDJOSEPH.COM

Birthday: April 6

NICOLE KISSANE

#20651-111, FCI Dublin, 5701 8th Street – Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568, USA

Nicole was arrested along with Joseph Buddenberg (see entry above) on July 24, 2015, and federally indicted for Conspiracy to Violate the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act for conspiring to release thousands of animals from fur farms and to destroy breeding records in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. On January 17, 2016, Nicole’s non-cooperating plea deal was accepted and she was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release. SUPPORTNICOLE.COM

Birthday: August 18

MARIUS MASON

(address envelope to “Marie (Marius) Mason”)

#04672-061, Carswell FMC, PO Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA

Marius is serving 21 years and 10 months (until 09-18-2027) for his involvement in an ELF arson at a University building carrying out genetically modified crop tests. Marius also pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out ELF actions and admitted involvement in 12 other ELF actions. On May 8, 2017, Marius was moved out of the Car-

swell Federal Medical Center’s Administrative Unit and into general population. SUPPORTMARIUSMASON.ORG

Birthday: January 26, 1962

JUSTIN SOLONDZ

In a halfway house

Justin is serving 7 years (until 08-31-2017) for a 2001 firebombing of the University of Washington’s Center for Urban Horticulture, which cost the university \$6 million. Prior to his Earth Liberation Front activities, Justin was engaged in above-ground forest defense in Washington while a student in Olympia. He was transferred to a halfway house on January 12, 2017.

Birthday: October 3

FRAN THOMPSON

#1090915, CCC, 3151 Litton Drive, Chillicothe, MO 64601, USA

Fran is serving life plus 10 years for killing a man in self-defense after he violently entered her home. Before her imprisonment, Fran was an eco, animal, and anti-nuke campaigner, and it is believed this biased the court against her.

Birthday: January 4

BRIAN VAILLANCOURT

#M42889, Robinson Correctional, 13423 East 1150th Ave, Robinson, IL 62454, USA

Brian was arrested in Chicago on February 9, 2013, for an alleged attempted arson at a McDonald’s. He initially faced a possible 30-year sentence for “Aggravated Arson,” but in 2014 he accepted a non-cooperating plea agreement and is currently serving 9 years (until 9-2020).

Birthday: September 5, 1964

INTERNATIONAL PRISONERS

LUCIO ALBERTI, FRANCESCO SALA, AND GRAZIANO MAZZARELLI

Graziano and Francesco can be reached at Casa Circondariale Ferrara, Via Arginone, 327, IT-44100 Ferrara, Italia. Lucio Alberti can be reached at, c/o CC Via Cassano Magnago 102, IT-21052 Busto Arsizio (Varese), Italia.

The No TAV campaign against the building of the Turin-Lyon high speed rail link has been going strong for over 20 years and regularly leads to new arrests as the Italian state tries to suppress resistance. These three anarchists were arrested on July 11, 2014, in connection with the action at the Chiomonte TAV site between May 13 and 14 of 2013. On February 9, 2016, Lucio and Francesco were sentenced to 2 years and 2 months, and Graziano was sentenced to 2 years and 10 months.

ALFREDO COSPITO AND NICOLA GAI

Both at: Casa Circondariale Ferrara, Via Arginone 327, IT- 44122 Ferrara, Italia

Nicola and Alfredo were arrested on September 14, 2012, for shooting Ansaldo Nucleare manager and Fin-

meccanica affiliate Roberto Adinolfi in the knees—an action carried out by the Olga nucleus of the FAI/FRI (Informal Anarchist Federation) earlier that year. In May of 2015 their sentences were reduced: Alfredo's to 9 years and 5 months (until February 2022), Nicola's to 8 years and 8 months (until May of 2020).

LADISLAV KUC

Florianska 18, PS-C12, Kosice, Slovakia 04142

Ladislav is an animal rights activist originally sentenced to 25 years on charges of illegal possession of arms, manufacturing of explosives, and terrorism for a bombing in front of a McDonald's in 2011 in which there were no injuries. He was traced after almost a year via mail communications between Ladislav and the manufacturer of a timer found at the crime scene. During a house search police found materials related to the Animal Liberation Front and components for another bomb. In May of 2016, the terrorism charge was overturned and he is now in a halfway house awaiting resentencing.

Birthday: December 3, 1979

DEBBIE VINCENT

In a halfway house

On May 17, 2014, Debbie was sentenced to 6 years in prison for campaigning against Huntingdon Life Sciences, Europe's largest animal testing laboratory. Her case is part of the Blackmail 3 case, along with Sven and Natasha (see entry below). On April 13, 2017, she was transferred to a halfway house, where she is scheduled to serve 1-6 months.

Birthday: January 12, 1962

ARRESTEES FACING CHARGES

BRAVO1

Out on bail

Bravo1 (Brennon Nastacio) has been peacefully protecting water and people on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation from DAPL since August 2016. He is a 36-year-old Pueblo Native American with two children who depend on him. On January 5, Brennan decided to turn himself over to authorities after learning he had a warrant for a Class C Felony for "Terrorizing," stemming from an incident where he nonviolently disarmed a man carrying a loaded weapon.

VANESSA CASTLE AND CHASE IRON EYES

Out on bail

Vanessa and Chase were arrested on February 1, 2017, along with over 70 other people when the Last Child Camp, which was set up in opposition to the Dakota Access pipeline, was forcibly removed. Both were charged with felony inciting a riot and face up to 5 years in prison. Chase has pleaded not guilty and Vanessa has yet to enter a plea.

RED FAWN FALLIS

Stutsman County Jail, 205 6th St, Suite 201, Jamestown ND 58401

An indictment filed January 5, 2017, charges Red Fawn with felony counts of civil disorder and discharging a firearm in relation to a felony crime of violence—which,

in this case, is civil disorder. These charges are in addition to an earlier charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. She pleaded not guilty to federal charges in connection to an incident at a Dakota Access pipeline protest. If convicted of discharging the firearm, Fallis faces a minimum of 10 years in prison.

GIANLUCA GAUDENZI

Gianluca is currently facing charges in Sweden for damaging at least 121 hunting towers and spray painting slogans, causing roughly 670,000 SKE (approx. \$78,000) in damages. He reportedly stated, "For me it is not a crime... It is a crime to destroy nature and other species [translation]." The trial was supposed to begin in November of 2015 but seems to have been delayed indefinitely.

KATIE "KROW"/"TWIG" KLOTH

In a halfway house

Krow was assaulted and arrested on February 4, 2017, by a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer while supporting the struggle against the Dakota Access pipeline in North Dakota. She was extradited to Wisconsin to face charges of violating felony probation. The probation is from previous charges stemming from an environmental protest in Wisconsin against mining in the Penokee Hills in 2013, for which she served nine months in jail. She is also facing a felony charge in North Dakota. SUPPORTKROW.ORG

Birthday: February 4

NATASHA AND SVEN

Natasha and Sven were extradited from the Netherlands to the UK in February 2017 for charges that could carry 14 years in prison, as part of the Blackmail 3 case with Debbie Vincent (see above) which stemmed from their work with the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty campaign. FREESVENANDNATASHA.ORG

RATTLER

Released on supervised probation

Rattler is a No DAPL water protector who is currently being held on federal felony charges produced through a grand jury indictment. Rattler's home is at Pine Ridge and he comes from a long legacy of struggle that he continued at Standing Rock against the Dakota Access pipeline and its world. He is fighting these charges stemming from the October 27, 2016, eviction of the Frontline/Sacred Grounds Camp. Rattler would love to receive your letters and cards of support. Rattler loves fantasy, fiction, and Dungeons and Dragons.

SET FREE!

Animal liberator **KEVIN OLLIFF** was released from a halfway house on June 1, 2017!

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